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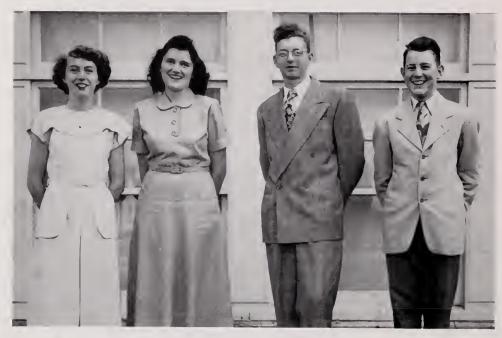
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### Class Ode

#### By Sylvia Day

(Tune: "Auld Lang Syne")

Our days at Sumner now are o'er,
Those days that are no more.
The future calls—her cry is loud.
Let us keep our Sumner proud.
We studied hard, we tried our best
And onward ever pressed.
We've had our work, we've had our fun,
And now our job's well done.
Your hallowed halls no more we'll tread.
The years have quickly sped.
We leave old friends, so tried and true,
But our hearts we leave with you.

#### **CHORUS**

Farewell to thee, dear Sumner High! We'll love you till we die. Our motto stands, a guiding star. For success on roads afar.

#### RICHARD FRANCIS BALCH "Dickie"

Hobby: Gymnastics Ambition: To Get Rich

Witty . . . wavy hair . . . muscle man . . . moody . . . cute grin . . . thinking of Phyl.

Basketball, Baseball, Track, Dramas, Gym. Class Officer, Student Council, Committees, Gym Trophy, Student Government Representative.

#### CLIFTON MACE BOWLEY "Cliff"

Hobby: Music Ambition: Career in Music

Better late than never . . . nice dresser . . . neat . . . singer . . . music lover . . . Kenny's other half.

Gym Squad. Drama. Rifle Club. Committees. Debating Teams.

#### JOANNE ELOISE BUDD "Jo"

Hobby: Going to the Theatre Ambition: To Be a Nurse

Quiet . . . clever . . . good natured. Swimming Club. Gym. Class Poll, Honor Roll. Dramas, Basketball. Committees. Glee Club. Class Secretary, Craft Club. Pro Merito. Assembly, Student Council, News Editor.

#### RUTH EVELYN CHALMERS "Ruthie"

Ambition: Typist Hobby: Playing Piano

Shy . . . sweet . . . good scholar . . . Marilyn's other half . . . efficient. Assemblies. Snoops and Scoops, Pro Merito. Honor Roll, Committees, Office

#### NANCY MARY CHAPMAN

Hobby: Ballet Ambition: Dancer

Dignified . . . well mannered . . beautiful hair . . . ballerina . . . imaginative.

Honor Roll. Pro Merito. Drama, Glee Club. Assemblies, Librarian, Committees. Cheerleaders, Gym. Swimming Club.















#### NORMA COLBURN

"Norm"

Hobby: Working Ambition: Secretary

Good natured . . . friendly . . . brown eyes . . . giggly.

Honor Roll, Glee Club, Office Girl. Committees, Gym, Swimming.

#### ALMA JANE COLBY "Janie"

Hobby: Dancing Ambition: Secretary

Smart . . . big blue eyes . . . cute . . . likes Law.

Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Office Girl, Gym. Glee Club, Assemblies, Commit-

tees. Secretary, Softball, Tennis Club, Typing Award, Swimming.

#### BARBARA ANN DANA "Bob"

Hobby: Sports Ambition: To Succeed

Shy . . . quiet . . . good natured . . . a lover of baseball . . . shorty . . . always Tommy Holmes.

Drama, Gym, Glee Club, Assemblies. Swimming Club.

#### SYLVIA LEE DAY "Syl"

Hobby: Baseball Ambition: To Write a Book

Witty . . . Ted Williams forever . . . sarcastic . . . Bob and Ray Fan.

Snoops and Scoops, Echo, Glee Club, Student Council, Dramas, Cheerleader, Committees, Gym, Assemblies, Swim-

ming, Class Poll.

#### JOAN ELAINE DOWREY "Copper-Top"

Hobby: Dog Training Ambition: Pilot's License

"Red" . . . dreamy . . . quiet . . . so sophisticated . . . waiting for the mailman . . . luscious voice.

Dramas, Cheerleader, Glee Club, Com-

#### WARREN WENTWORTH ERNEST "Went"

Hobby: Music Ambition: To Travel

Reserved . . . sunny smile . . . willing worker . . . studious . . . good natured . . . future college boy.

Honor Roll, Track, Drama, Band As-

sembly, Committee.

#### NORMA ESTHER ERNSTROM "Ernie"

Hobby: Horses Ambition: To Be a Millionaire

Good sewer . . . daring . . . swell sport . . . good manager . . . change-

Basketball, Snoops and Scoops, Glee Club, Drama, Debating Team. Committees, Craft, Assemblies, Softball, Tennis, Swimming.

#### MARILYN JEAN FRANKE "Mal"

Hobby: Playing Piano Ambition: Secretary

Quiet . . . likes to dance . . . moody . . . good worker . . . blond hair.

Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Student Council, Snoops and Scoops, Office Girl, Assemblies, Typing Award.

#### ROBERT HARLOW HAMILTON "Bob"

Hobby: Riding Ambition: To Make a Million

"You all" . . . likeable . . . takes life as it comes . . . good natured. "The Brookville Flash" . . . Dick's other half . . . no lover of homework. Drama, Track, Baseball, Committees.

#### CAROL ELAINE HASKINS "Red"

Hobby: Photography Ambition: WAC, Housewife

Quiet . . . friendly . . . frequent absentee . . . likes older men . . . hatcs school.

Gym, Spring Concerts, Committees, Assembly, Softball, Swimming.













#### BARBARA LOUISE HOBART "Louisy"

Hobby: Swimming Ambition: Secretary

Vivacious . . . nice dresser . . . temperamental . . . pleasant personality . . . artistic.

Drama, Basketball, Honor Roll, Snoops and Scoops, Student Council, Committees, Office Girl, Gym, Assemblies, Softball, Echo, Swimming, Treasurer.

#### RICHARD ERNEST HOOKE "Dick"

Hobby: Hunting Ambition: To Graduate Likes girls . . . good natured . . . nice dresser.

Baseball Manager.

#### ROBERT EUGENE HOOKE "Bobby"

Hobby: Skating Ambition: To Graduate Nice dresser . . . quiet . . . likeable. Committees.

#### DONALD STANLEY HOWARD

Hobby: Hunting and Fishing Ambition: Carpenter Rather quiet . . . friendly . . . polite . . . shy around girls . . . good dresser. Risse Club, Committees.

#### GRACE ELEANOR JOHNSTON "Gracie"

Hobby: Photography Ambition: Secretary

True to Russ . . . efficient . . . amiable ... cute ... good sport.

Office Girl, Honor Roll. Treasurer, Student Council, Basketball, Glee Club, Gym, Drama, Assemblies, Committees.

#### RICHARD MEADE McCORMICK "Dick"

Hobby. Swimming Ambition: To Make a Living Smooth dancer . . . "Beautiful dreamer . . . . . Oh. for an argument . . . everybody's pal . . . "Blarney." Basketball, baseball, dramas, President, Vice-President. Assemblies. Committees.





#### PHYLLIS LOUISE PUTT "Phvl"

Hobby: Gardening Ambition: Be Rich

Quiet . . . a lady . . . clever . . . Dick's better half . . . Television fan . . . Horse lover.

Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Drama, Secretary, Student Council. Assembly, Committees, Glee Club, Swimming.

#### ELIZABETH MILDRED MITCHELL "Liz"

Hobby: Swimming Ambition: Telephone Operator Moody . . . dislikes homework . . . likes Carver . . . good pianist. Basketball, Softball, Gym. Glee Club. Snoops and Scoops. Echo. Committees. Assemblies. Office Girl.





#### BETTE ANN RABY

Hobby: Horses Ambition: To Be Rich Quiet but flirty . . . horse lover . . . cute . . . always looks nice. Class Treasurer, Committees.

#### LILLIAN THERESE MULHERN "Lilly"

Hobby: Dancing Ambition: Child Nurse Flirty . . . neat . . . nice hair . . .

gum chewer . . . pleasant smile. Gym. Student Council. Swimming. Snoops and Scoops. Echo. Craft Club. Glee Club. Cheer Leader, Softball. Assemblies. Librarian.



#### KENNETH PAUL ROBERTS "Jumpie" Hobby: Theatre

Ambition: To Be Happy Very witty . . . procrastinator . . . better late than never . . . genius . . . drives a "vehicle" . . . likes music. Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Drama, Editor-in-Chief Echo, Snoops and Scoops, President, Vice-President, Committees,

Assemblies, Dramatic Club.

#### ROSELEEN ANNE O'CONNOR "Rosy"

Hobby: Singing Ambition: To Go to Italy Nice Irish smile . . . good sport . . . quiet until you know her . . . always a friend . . . loves to sing.

Drama. Gym. Glee Club. Snoops and Scoops. Echo. Committees. Assemblies. Tennis Club. Softball. Swimming.



#### ROBERT FRANKLIN ROSENBERG "Bob"

Hobby: Outdoor Sports Ambition: Carpenter Bashful . . . smooth . . . nice eyes . . . reserved . . . well-groomed. Committees.

#### JOHN OHAN "Johnny"

Hobby: Guitar Playing Ambition: Guitarist Talkative . . . guitar player . . . witty . . . sleepy. Basketball. Committees, Assemblies.





#### WILLIAM HOWE SAUNDERS "Bill"

Hobby: Eating Ambition: Navy

Lazy . . . teaser . . . a sportsman . . . helpful . . . drawl . . . quick temper. Gym, Camera Club, Rifle Club, Committees.

### BETTY ANN SCHUTT "Schutty"

Hobby: Roller Skating Ambition: To Make a Million

Good natured . . . red . . . always ready with an answer . . . forever telling jokes . . . talkative . . . loves to giggle.

Basketball, Gym, Office Girl, Softball, Assemblies, Swimming

### BERTHA ANN SHEURS "Bert"

Hobby: Cooking Ambition: To Get Along with the World

Long hair . . . loves to square dance . . . talkative . . . lots of boy-friends . . . argumentative . . . gum chewer. Drama, Committees, Assemblies.

### JEAN MARIE STEVENSON "Jeanie"

Hobby: Playing the Piano Ambition: To Travel

Brilliant baseball lover genius Genius good natured efficient.

Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Glee Club, Accompanist, Business Manager Echo and Snoops and Scoops, Vice-President, Craft Club, Committees, Student Council, DAR Good Citizen, Gym.

### PAUL FRANCIS STOKINGER "Stok"

Hobby: Sports Ambition: To Get Rich

Track star . . . talk, talk, talk . . . silly . . . carefree . . . beautiful wavy bair.

Basketball, Baseball, Track, Drama, Snoops and Scoops, Echo. Officer, Committees, Rifle Club, Assemblies, South Shore Cross Country Champion.











### ELIZABETH GERTRUDE WALLSTER "Betty"

Hobby: Collecting Dogs Ambition: To Live in Connecticut

Conscientious . . . good worker . . . ambitious . . . frank opinions . . . loves to talk . . future college girl . . . witty.

Honor Roll, Pro Merito, Dramas, Glee Club, Snoops and Scoops, Echo, Craft Club, Dramatic Club, Cheerleader, Committees, Debating Team, Librarian, Assemblies, Swimming.

### JOHN FRANCIS WHITE "Jock"

Hobby: Basketball
Ambition: To Live Peacefully
Athletic . . . true to Louise . . . cute
smile . . . argumentative . . . moody.
Basketball, Baseball, Captain of Basketball and Baseball.

### ROBERT SCOTT WOODMAN "Bob"

Hobby: Driving Ambition: To Retire

Nice smile . . . neat dresser . . . pleasant smile . . . lady's man . . good natured . . . happy-go-lucky. Basketball. Track, Rifle Club. Committees, Assemblies, Class President.

### WILLIAM CARLISLE WRIGHT "Billy"

Hobby: Hunting and Fishing Ambition: To Graduate Always late for English . . . . likeable

. . . flashy sweaters . . . good roller-shater.

Basketball, Baseball.

Honors For Four Years

College Course JEAN STEVENSON ELIZABETH WALLSTER Commercial Course JANE COLBY MARILYN FRANKE

Class Colors: Royal Blue and Gold Class Motto: "Forward Ever, Backward Never"

## Class History

Freshmen

On that glorious September morn in 1946, fortyeight excited and expectant freshmen marched up the winding path of dear old Sumner High, slightly skeptical perhaps, because of the superior glances received from the upper classmen, but none the less

ambitious to the fullest capacity.

The first change was a division into two groups, twenty-nine in the Commercial Course with Mr. John Walsh, and nineteen in the College Course with Miss Dorothy Dunbar. Immediately, the class set about electing class officers who were as follows: President, Paul Roberts: vice-president, Jean Stevenson: secretary, Jane Colby: and treasurer, Jacqueline Savoy. The class chose as its motto "Forward Ever, Backward Never." and for class colors "Black and Gold." The Student Council Representatives were JoAnne Budd and Phyllis Putt. This year the class lost one of its members, Al Inglese, but was fortunate in gaining Joan Dowrey. On the girls' basketball squad were JoAnne Budd, Louise Hobart, Grace Johnston, and Jacqueline Savoy, while on the boys' basketball squad were John White, William Matthews, Paul Stokinger, Ray Simmons, Kenneth Richardson, and Richard McCormick. The zealous and charming cheerleaders, Sylvia Day, Lillian Mulhern, and Joan Dowrey, enthusiastically rattled off cheer after cheer, spurring the boys on to many a victory. A baseball team was organized with John White and William Matthews participating. Clifton Bowley, Richard Balch. Edmund Benvie, David O'Connor, and Kenneth Richardson represented the class on the gym squad.

The two chief events of the year were the assembly in which a thrilling and moving "Texas Round-Up" was presented, and the Freshmen Dance, held on April 25, drew a large gathering. Gayly colored streamers and balloons for decorations added to the

festivity of the occasion.

Sophomores

A new year, 1947, has rolled around, and the forty-four sophomores, who sauntered to their new homerooms, were more than eager to get into the swing of things again. This year two members, David O'Connor and Emily Calway, were missing, David enrolling in a military academy in Canada while Emily joined the working girl's rank. Dorothy Pratt also severed her membership in April to become the bride of Donald Smith. Two new students, Jean McPhail and Virginia Woodford, were welcomed. The class elected class officers who were: president, Richard McCormick; vice-president, Paul Roberts; secretary, Phyllis Putt; and treasurer, Grace Johnston. Newly elected Student Council Representatives were Jacqueline Savoy, Louise Hobart, and Marilyn Franke. The class was well represented in sports this year with Virginia Woodford, Jacqueline Savoy, Louise Hobart, JoAnne Budd, and Betty Mitchell greatly assisting the girls' basketball team, with John White, Richard Balch, Kenneth Richardson, Richard McCormick. Paul Stokinger, William Matthews, William Wright, John Ohan, Robert Woodman, and Aubrey Loud proving their skill on the boys' basketball team. Various members of the class also took part in baseball, gym squad, rifle club, Snoops and

Scoops, and the cheerleading.

The class started the year off by having two successful hot dog sales which the school supported. The highlight of the year, the Sophomore Drama, was presented on April 2 with the high school auditorium packed to the rafters. The two comedies, entitled "Elmer and the Lovebug" and "Not Quite Such a Goose," went over with a bang and were the most talked about plays ever to be staged at Sumner High. The advisers, Miss Elna Knutson and Miss Grace McCarthy, put much of their time and energy into making these two plays a tremendous success.

At the end of two years, the class of 1950 had certainly left its mark of distinction on Sumner's records and was sure to create an even bigger stir

in its junior year.

Juniors

Having acquired two years of experience, the class of 1950 plunged into its junior year with vim, vigor, and vitality. This year many classmates were missing. They were Jean McPhail, Virginia Woodford. William Matthews, Barbara Shallies, Lois Leitch, and Jacqueline Savoy. While the number of students had greatly diminished, there was the pleasure of receiving a new member. Bette Ann Raby, from East

Bridgewater.

For class officers this year there were Robert Woodman, president; Paul Roberts, vice-president; JoAnne Budd, secretary; and Betty Ann Raby, treasurer. During the course of the year, Robert Woodman resigned with Paul Roberts replacing him as president. Bette Ann Raby also handed in her resignation with Jean Stevenson and Grace Johnston filling the vacancy. Student Council Representatives were Richard Balch, Sylvia Day, Lillian Mulhern, and Louise Hobart. Class colors were "White and Gold." The members of the class were very active in various activities throughout the school; namely, girls' glee club, girls' and boys' basketball, baseball, gym squad, and Snoops and Scoops.

One of the crowning glories of the junior year was the class rings which we conspicuously displayed. Among the money-making events were a hot dog sale, a record hop, and our piece de resistance, a three-act play entitled "The Absent Minded Professor," which was proudly presented before a vast crowd on April 29. The cast, which will go down in history for their superb performances, was comprised of Paul Roberts, Roseleen O'Connor. Paul Stokinger, Richard McCormick. Robert Hami'ton. Nancy Chapman, Joan Dowrey, Phyllis Putt, Richard Balch. Warren

Ernest, Jean Stevenson, and Betty Wallster. The play was once again coached by our two capable advisers. Miss Elna Knutson and Miss Grace McCarthy.

Being a most fortunate class, the Junior Prom was naturally a huge success with no rain to play havoc to the fair maidens attending the ball. Al Furtado's Orchestra supplied the radiant couples with ideal music in a hall beautifully and elegantly decorated

in pastel streamers and spring flowers.

June arrived, and the juniors escorted the seniors on Class Day and at their Graduation exercises. Those receiving awards at Graduation for Pro Merito were JoAnne Budd, Ruth Chalmers. Nancy Chapman, Jane Colby, Phyllis Putt, Paul Roberts. Jean Stevenson, Betty Wallster, and Marilyn Franke. Paul Roberts won the Washington and Franklin Medal given by the Sons of the American Revolution.

Glancing back to the three previous years of high school, the juniors could pat themselves on the back for the many accomplishments achieved and look forward to doing even better in their final and greatest

year, the senior year.

#### Seniors

At last the senior year. Because of the brilliancy of this class during the junior year, it received the great honor of being the first class ever to occupy Room 14, which was newly furnished and beautifully redecorated. The two teachers to share our good fortune were Miss Elna Knutson and Miss Grace McCarthy.

Elections were again held with the following results: president, Richard Balch: vice-president, Richard McCormick; secretary, Jane Colby; treasurer, Louise Hobart; Student Council Representatives, Paul Stokinger, Grace Johnston, JoAnne Budd, and Jean Stevenson. Class colors were "Royal Blue and Gold."

The honors for superior scholarship for four years were won by Jean Stevenson and Betty Wallster in the College Course and in the Commercial Course,

Jane Colby and Marilyn Franke.

Heading the list of activities this year was a hot dog sale on October 5, a Halloween Dance, a successful magazine drive held during the week of November 6, followed by the Senior Drama, the third and last in a series of very successful plays, making us the first class in a number of years to have accomplished this task. The drama entitled, "Leave It To Mother," was presented on December 9 with an unusually talented cast consisting of Jean Stevenson, Paul Roberts, Nancy Chapman, Betty Wallster, Phyllis Putt, Paul Stokinger, Joan Dowrey, Richard Balch, Richard McCormick, Barbara Dana, and Grace Johnston. On January 12 was held a supper which was really quite the thing. Plenty of delicious food to tempt the palate, together with efficient and skillful cooks and waitresses, made the supper a tremendous success. Another achievement of this year of years was under the brilliant leadership of John White, who made the basketball team not only Class B Champs in the South Shore Tournament but also champs in the Mayflower League, a hurdle that previous classes had been trying to accomplish for many years but to no avail. After this great honor, one should hardly mention the downfall of the seniors in the senior-junior basketball game played on March 21. Though going down in dismal defeat, profitable dividends were made and distributed between both classes.

As is the custom each year, a girl from the class is chosen as a D. A. R. Good Citizen and a boy to represent his school on Good Government Day. Jean Stevenson, the D. A. R. Citizen, spent a day at the Copley Plaza in Boston; Richard Balch, the Good Government representative, had a day at the State House.

Several seniors had a distinct honor for having their poems published in the National Poetry Association Magazine. Among those receiving awards were Jean Stevenson and Barbara Dana, receiving special awards, JoAnne Budd, Nancy Chapman, Jane Colby, Sylvia Day, Richard Balch, Lillian Mulhern, and Betty Wallster.

At last the moment for which the class had been waiting—the class trip; the date. April 17: the destination. New York. On that beautiful Monday morning, thirty-five students together with the chaperons, Miss Elna Knutson and Miss Grace McCarthy, were at the school grounds just counting off the minutes when they could board the Greyhound Bus which would take them to New York where four wonderful days would be spent visiting all the historical landmarks and, in general, seeing everything that was to be seen. Promptly at ten o'clock, the bus left the high school amid cheers and waving hands. At six o'clock the bus pulled to a stop at the Hotel Picadilly.

Monday: Supper at the Automat and then to Madison Square Gardens for the Ringling Bros. Circus.

Tuesday: A guided tour of lower New York, the Bowery, and Chinatown. A sail to the Statue of Liberty, followed by lunch at the famous Honor Restaurant. After dinner a tour of the New York Times Building and upper New York, stopping at the Cathedral of St. John The Divine and the R. C. A. Building. Supper at the Down Under Restaurant, followed by the Perry Como show. Return to the hotel, then to the stage play, "Come Back Little Sheba."

then to the stage play, "Come Back Little Sheba."

Wednesday: Tour of Rockefeller Center, followed by a movie entitled. "Daughter of Rosie O'Grady." and a stage show at the Radio City Music Hall. Visited St. Patrick's Cathedral, then supper at the famous Brass Rail. The highlight of the day, the musical show entitled "Where's Charlie?" was enjoyed by all.

Thursday: Shopping at the world's largest department stores, Macy's, Sak's Fifth Avenue, and Kress's.

Tired but happy, the class of 1950 returned and were greeted by the whole town of Holbrook.

Now as the second half of the century begins, the class of 1950 faces the future with high hopes and cheerfulness that will surely bring them success and good fortune in their journey through life, and the happiest years here at dear old Sumner High will never be forgotten but will be remembered and cherished long after all have departed from Sumner's halls.

## Class Will

We, the members of the Senior Class of 1950, of Sumner High School. Town of Holbrook, County of Norfolk, State of Massachusetts, United States of America, being uncertain as to the frail life that we are living, do therefore, make, ordain, publish, and declare this to be our last will and testament.

Item 1—We bequeath to the teachers and principal of Sumner High School our respect and admiration for the four wonderful years that they made so pleasant for us, also the pleasant memories of the Class of 1950.

Item 2—We leave to Miss Grace McCarthy and Miss Elna Knutson. our advisers, all the pleasant memories that they had with the Class of '50 in the past three years.

Item 3—We leave to anyone in Miss McCarthy's law class Bob Hamilton's three chairs—the one he sits in, the one he rests his right arm on, and the one across the aisle that he puts his feet on or under.

Item 4—To Miss Megley we bequeath any underclassman who can put as much animation in his stories as Robert Hamilton always did.

Item 5—To Mr. Stoddard we leave the thoughts of all the nice things he has done for us. and we hope he has a happy time with future classes.

Item 6—We leave our natural brilliance and ability to any class capable of handling it.

Item 7—To the seniors-to-be we, the Senior Class, leave Room 14 still looking new after a year of hard work.

Item 8—We bequeath to the Juniors all the teachers, worry, good times. law class, anticipation of the class trip, money worries, the superior feeling one gets when a senior, the hard work that goes into making the last year a memorable one, and the privilege of having the run of the school.

Item 9—We bequeath to the sophomores the ability to keep the ball of school spirit rolling.

Item 10—We bequeath to the freshmen the broad shoulders needed for the hard work and responsibility to be heaped on them during the next three years, the numerous excuses for not being present in class on these spring days when it is such a temptation to be elsewhere, and all the fun and work to be had in the last three years of high school.

Item 11—The outgoing office girls leave to the incoming office girls the difficult problem of finding Mr. Neal and his keys.

Item 12—Nancy Chapman leaves her dancing ability to anyone who can fill her shoes.

Item 13—Jean Stevenson leaves to any incoming freshman the chance to receive top honors in her class for four years.

Item 14—Bill Wright leaves to any fisherman in Sumner High his ability to fish and tell about the about the ones that got away.

Item 15—Dick McCormick leaves to Kenny Richardson all his masterful skill behind the wheel. This is a prize to be proud of, since Dick is by far the most capable driver in the Class of 1950.

Item 16—The Hooke twins bequeath to the Uva twins their ability to keep the teachers guessing.

Item 17—Norma Colburn leaves to her sister Beverly the struggle to get her foot inside the class room before the bell rings.

Item 18—We, the Senior Class, dearly loved, praised most highly, and enjoyed most thoroughly, now leave our days at Sumner High to investigate the big, wide, wonderful world.

(Signed) THE CLASS OF 1950

#### Witnesses:

President of Freshman Class President of Sophomore Class President of Junior Class

# Class Prophecy

By Betty Wallster

The Scene: The reunion of the class of 1950

The Place: The gym of the new wing of the Sumner

High School

The Time: 1960

Good evening. "kids." It's wonderful to be all together again, isn't it? As the program committee thought you would like to know just what each has accomplished since graduation, although it has taken two years, Donald Howard has compiled a movie from excerpts of newsreels. I am your commentator.

This first picture is Donald, who has produced and directed several successful pictures, working on this film at his studio in Hollywood. These are some of the shots of the actors and actresses around the lot. There is Joan Dowrey. She's just won her third Oscar. Recently she told me that she's planning to settle down on her beautiful little 5,000 acre ranch.

Here's a shot of John Ohan and his magic guitar. Most of you know, of course, that he won the Horace Heidt finals nine years ago and then skyrocketed to fame. John may be seen in D. S. H.'s latest release,

"The Ohan Story." Also in Hollywood is Warren Ernest, matinee idol of a million teen-agers, who organized his orchestra eight years ago. Here you see him being handed a plaque as he was voted one of the ten most eligible bachelors in the country. Appearing with him is Rosaleen O'Connor, who is noted for her sweet voice and winning personality. A month after this was taken, Rosaleen went on a tour of Europe. Descending from the plane, and just returned from Europe where she has made appearances in Paris, Brussels, London, and other perfectly exciting foreign cities is Marilyn Franke. Her debut was made with the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra where her style of playing was received with such a thunderous ovation that she appeared with the orchestra more than any other pianist.

In the field of research we have JoAnne Budd. That is she working in her laboratory. After countless experiments for five years, JoAnne found a cure for measles.

This scene is the Botanical Gardens in Florida where Ruth Chalmers does all the floral arranging. Research in roses has been Ruth's work, and her roses have become world noted. Standing beside Ruth and admiring the display with his wife, the Maharanee of Pakistan, is Paul Stokinger, now known as the Maharajah of Pakistan.

Working in the laboratory adjacent to JoAnne's is Jane Colby. Jane works as the secretary to the head research manager. Accidentally tipping over two experiments and not thinking of the contents of either, she swept them up together. Here you can see the change in appearance of the two solutions which led to the discovery of a new stove pipe cleaner.

The scene changes and we see Lillian Mulhern. She has invented a bottle that warms itself at intervals of every fifteen minutes. Lillian has devoted her life to children's betterment.

The scene shifts, and we see Clifton Bowley laying the cornerstone of his television station, WBKB. WBKB has progressed very rapidly since that first stone was laid. On Sunday afternoons he produces and directs a special tiny tot's program.

Here you see those tiny tots, and there is Norma Colburn helping. She also supervises all those employed at WBKB. Cliff's station was the first to televise internationally and this was done from England. His largest sponsor is the owners of the new "Twin Cadillac Convertibles," designed and personally built by the famous Hooke twins, Richard and Robert. The blue and gold color of these cars is said to represent memories of high school. I had the opportunity of riding in one of these cars. It was so smooth and so luxurious! The music for WBKB and all of the networks west of the Mississippi is composed by Sylvia Day. Here you see Sylvia being handed a cup for the best arrangements of the year by Mr. Petrillo.

Here you see Nannette Chapmois as she danced for the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace, where she was acclaimed a stupendous success. While we're in England, let's take a look in at Parliament, where Bob Hamilton has been filibustering for a world's record of thirty-three hours in order to pass a bill preventing children under twenty-five years of age having drivers' licenses.

See this most modern of modern kitchens. There is Bertha Sheurs who has her own television show in the morning. It is called "The Busy Bakers Baking Hour."

Animals now appear on the scene, mostly horses. There too is Bette Raby with her famous race horse, "Teabag," after winning the Kentucky Derby. At present Bette is training twenty more such horses at her ranch in Wyoming. Who is this! Oh yes, it is that wealthy socialite, Norma Ernstrom, who held

the year's most fabulous ball at her beautiful estate on Long Island. There were over five hundred socially prominent people in attendance. You notice Norma is greeting Grace Johnston, who is a famous designer of furniture. Norma is the third wealthiest woman in the United States, her wealth having been obtained at the race track with her horses, raising them, not betting on them. And here are dogs, beauties, and in their midst you can make out Robert Rosenberg. Robert trains these dogs especially for hunting. Training dogs, started as a hobby, rapidly grew to a fulltime occupation. You now notice not small animals but large animals. Billy Wright became so inspired by the book he had to read for biology about William Beebee that he fully equipped himself as a big game hunter, and here he is seen starting out for South Africa. Probably in a few years the classes will be reading about the exploits of William Wright instead of those of William Beebee. Do you recognize in this picture William Saunders, surrounded by all those kiddies near the lake? Bill is now a great boat designer and manufacturer. Kiddies just love the way his toy boats run by themselves without winding.

The next pictures were taken from a film "Human Interest Stories of New England." Filene's basement in Boston is this touching scene. A woman grabs a lovely pink sweater, and who do you suppose has hold of the other end? It's Dick McCormick. He is the president of Bonwit Tellers. Believing that an employer, especially a president, should know every job completely, he was acting buyer for the day. That scene was supposed to depict the trials of a housewife searching for a bargain. This one is the most ardent fan the Braves ever had. It is Barbara Dana. Barbara inherited a fortune and gave an unbelievable amount to the old-age pension fund for Tommy Holmes, and with the rest is following the Braves about the country in order to see every game. Betty Mitchell, too, inherited money. Betty invested her wealth in a new building completely devoted to dress designing at Rockefeller Center. She also designed the building.

This next shot shows that famous personage, Paul Roberts, who won thirty thousand dollars for proving that Euclid invented geography and not geometry, being stopped by Policeman Robert Woodman for speeding. As they are both glad to see each other,

Paul wasn't arrested but had to buy four tickets to the policeman's ball. Woody's a part-time policeman, and when he isn't on duty, he supervises his funeral parlor. His business is so large that he only has to drop in every now and then.

There were, in the class, three who stayed within the influence of schooldom. Here is Richard Balch, the famed president of our class, introducing into the schools a new gym system which is being accepted rapidly by all schools. Furthermore, Dick is Mayor of New York. In 1956 Jean Stevenson accepted the position of Yale's first woman president. Professor Stevenson is shown debating with the trustees in favor of Yale becoming co-ed.

Jack White is back in Sumner again. Sumner with a complete new wing consisting of a gym and a floor of lockers given by the class of 1950. Jack has become assistant coach of the basketball team. Seen here is Jack with the team just before they won the National Tech Tourney at Madison Square Garden.

Four of this illustrious class of 1950 have increased the public interest in art, justice, style, and humor, all necessities in one's life. Carol Haskins is here at the Chicago Museum of Art. Her paintings have been proclaimed by Chicago art critics as "Spectacular Modern Art." From Chicago to Boston we go where we see the historic Boston Courthouse familiar to us all. We see that Phyllis Putt has become a well-known court lawyer. Phyl is especially noted for her defense in that famous case, "Lawrence vs. Wolfe." Here, right in style, we see Louise Hobart who became a Power's Model upon graduation and is now appearing on this month's Vogue cover. When Mr. Powers left. Louise inherited the business. And the literary genius??? Who could express humor better than Bette Anne Schutt? Here she is with her latest book which has just been published and which has for its title, "After Dinner Jokes." Simply a must for every family. Some of her other books are "The Joker," 'Crime Is No Joke,'' and "The Joke's On You."

Thus ends the news about our class. I'm glad that everyone could come, and I know that everyone will have a grand time at this reunion.

Let's all give Donald a good hand for assembling for us this marvelous film.

### Our Mostas and Bestas

Best looking girl Lillian Mulhern	Most dignified boy Robert Rosenberg
Best looking boy Robert Woodman	Class flirt—girl Lillian Mulhern
Most popular girl Sylvia Day	Class flirt—boy Robert Woodman
Most popular boy Richard McCormick	Most musical girl Roseleen O'Connor
Most ambitious girl Jean Stevenson	Most musical boy John Ohan
Most ambitious boy Paul Roberts	Most likely to succeed—girl Jean Stevenson
Best dressed girl Louise Hobart	Most likely to succeed—boy Paul Roberts
	Friendliest girl Roseleen O'Connor
Best dressed boy Clifton Bowley  Most athletic girl Louise Hobart	Friendliest boy Richard McCormick
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·	Neatest girl Louise Hobart
Best natured girl   Roseleen O'Cononr   Bette Anne Schutt	Neatest boy Clifton Bowley
Best natured boy Richard McCormick	Done most for class—girl Sylvia Day
Girl genius Jean Stevenson	Done most for class—boy Paul Roberts
Boy genius Paul Roberts	Most absent-minded—girl Jane Colby
Most studious girl Jean Stevenson	Most absent-minded—boy Paul Roberts
Most studious boy Paul Roberts	Most happy-go-lucky—girl . Bette Anne Schutt
Wittiest girl Sylvia Day	Most happy-go-lucky—boy Robert Hamilton
Wittiest boy Paul Roberts	Most sophisticated girl Joan Dowrey
Best girl dancer Lillian Mulhern	Most sophisticated boy Paul Roberts
Best boy dancer Richard McCormick	Most personality—girl Sylvia Day
Cutest girl Bette Anne Raby	Most personality—boy . Richard McCormick Class gum chewer Lillian Mulhern
Cutest boy Robert Hamilton	Class sleepyhead John Ohan
Most dignified girl Jean Stevenson	Class comic Robert Hamilton
Our S	Tavorites
Radio Program Lux Radio	Orchestra Vaughn Monroe
Comic Strip Lil' Abner	Subject English
Actress June Allyson	Newspaper Record
Actor Peter Lawford	Song Sentimental Me
Sport Baseball	Food Steak
Singer Perry Como	Big League Player Teddy Williams
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Senior L	Activities
Hallowe'en Dance	October 27
Magazine Drive Senior Drama	November 6 December 9
Supper	January 12
New York Trip Class Day	April 17-21
Baccalaureate	June 8 June 11
Graduation	June 13



FRONT ROW: Paul Stokinger, Nancy Chapman, Jean Stevenson, Betty Wallster, Joan Dowrey, Richard Balch.
BACK ROW: Sylvia Day, Paul Roberts, Miss Elna Knutson, Advisor; Phyllis Putt.
Barbara Dana, Grace Johnston, Miss Grace McCarthy, Advisor; Richard McCormick

### Senior Drama

"Leave It To Mother," a comedy in three acts about family life, written by Joyce Andrews, was presented by the Senior Class at Sumner High School auditorium Friday evening. December 16, at 8:00 P. M.

The action took place in the home of Mrs. Louise Prescott, a widow, who has a very interesting family. Mrs. Prescott, played by Jean Stevenson, is refined and sincere, a gentlewoman, with a decidedly refreshing personality. She is the typical old-fashioned mother who lives only for her family. Her point of view is that of a bygone age, and she is not at all sympathetic to modern ways and customs. Her son, Stanley, played by Richard Balch, is an ingratiating, well-poised young man with a self-confident manner which wins him many friends. He has a great time "waiting for something to turn up." There are two daughters. Coral and Dolly, played by Nancy Chapman and Betty Wallster respectively. Coral is decidedly modern both in speech and appearance, and although at times inclined to be a trifle thoughtless. she is never rude or obnoxious. Dolly, the youngest of the family, is mischievous and loves to keep things going.

The characters who help to develop the plot are Etta Ford, the maid, played by Barbara Dana; Edna James, portrayed by Grace Johnston; Lucius Fowler, an irritable old man capably enacted by Paul Roberts; Easton Bowers, played by Paul Stokinger; and Mrs. Stanley Prescott (Roberta), a part ably taken by Joan Dowrey.

Mrs. Prescott is trying to manage a hardware store and mother her family at the same time. Coral's coming home from school with an infatuation for an English nobleman, Lord Cecil Bunyon, played by Paul Roberts: Stanley's arrival home with a newly acquired wife: Roberta; and the untimely visit of her sister-in-law, Madge Lawton, portrayed by Phyllis Putt, who has just lost her husband, complicates matters. How Mrs. Prescott works these problems out is an interesting and entertaining play.

Sylvia Day did a magnificent job as stage manager and to her is due much credit for the success of the performance. The play was directed by the Senior Class advisors, Miss Grace McCarthy and Miss Elna Knutson.



FIRST ROW: G. Harvey, B. Ernstrom, C. Reynolds, R. Andrea, W. McLaughlin, B. Bertoli, J. Casperson, D. Rosenberg. SECOND ROW: N. Fulton, R. Feeney, T. Anderson, R. Coppolo, P. Benvie, R. Calway,

C. Colarusso, M. Mercer.

THIRD ROW: L. Marcus, W. Mills, J. Buchonis, J. Barry, W. Hanney, H. Lively. L. Hobart.

FOURTH ROW: R. Colby, S. Anderson, J. Rimkus, D. MacKusick, K. Richardson. E. McGaughey, L. Sheurs, L. Carter, L. Sturgeon.

### Junior Class

PRESIDENT .					. ROBERT ANDREA
VICE-PRESIDENT					WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN
SECRETARY .					CYNTHIA REYNOLDS
TREASURER .					BENITA BERTOLI

Our class of 1951 has only thirty-seven members, having lost quite a few from both the college and commercial divisions. Different members of the class were represented in basketball, Photography Club, baseball, and on Snoops and Scoops. Participating in boys' basketball were Robert Andrea, David Mac-Kusick, Aubrey Loud and Peter Benvie. For the girls' basketball were Elinor McGaughey, Nancy Fulton, Jean Austin, Charlotte Colarrusso and Barbara Ernstrom. Snoops and Scoops members were Nancy Fulton, Elinor McGaughey, Cynthia Reynolds, Ruth Feeney, Barbara Ernstrom, Lillian Sheurs, Benita Bertoli, and Selma Anderson. The only member who took part in photography was George Harvey. Quite a few athletic minded members were represented in

the baseball team, such as Robert Andrea, Dave MacKusick, Joe Rimkus, Jimmy Buchonis, and Richard Colby.

During the year the class held a record hop, whist party, hot dog sale, food sale, and Junior Prom.

Our rings came May 5, just in time for us to show them off at our Junior Prom which also was on May 5.

The Whist Party which was held on May 2 turned out quite well, thanks to the help of Miss Grace McCarthy and Miss Kathryn Megley.

Our year as juniors has almost come to a close, but we are looking forward for that wonderful year as seniors.



FIRST ROW: J. Bates, P. Haskins, E. Soule, N. Boothby, B. Ryder ,F. Megley, B. Buckley, M. Mackie, B. Waters, B. Chandler.

SECOND ROW: C. George, E. Moore, J. McPhail, A. Flye, J. Ernest, D. Clark, L. West, B. Colburn, M. Kennedy, D. Mann, N. Colby.

THIRD ROW: Rita Hanson, R. Smith, A. Lively, P. Duggan, C. Leitch, P. DeWolfe,

R. Alden, E. Wagner, F. Skilling, FOURTH ROW: S. Callahan, D. Mack, C. Hall, J. Holbrook, R. McLaughlin, J. Feeney,

L. Ayvas, P. Savoy, G. Dahl, R. Downey. FIFTH ROW: H. Hamilton, J. Price, J. Marble, D. Darienzzo, E. Nelson, R. Uronis.

### Sophomore Class

PRESIDENT								BARBARA RYDER
VICE-PRESIDEN	IT							WESTON JENNINGS
SECRETARY								NANCY BOOTHBY
TREASURER							EL	IZABETH BUCKLEY
ASSISTANT TR	EASU	RER						FRANCIS MEGLEY

There are 54 members in the Sophomore Class with many active in sports. On the boys' basketball squad were Joseph Cassani. Weston Jennings. Richard Downey, Ray Simmons. Peter Savoy. Girls' basketball—Beverly Colburn. Joanne McPhail, Elizabeth Wagner. Cheerleaders — Cynthia George, Frances Skillings, Barbara Ryder, Marie Mackie and Elizabeth

Buckley. Gym squad—Hugh Hamilton. John Feeney. Leon Ayvaz.

During the year we successfully conducted a hot dog sale, a dance, and a talent night.

We are looking forward now to a more eventful year as Juniors.



FIRST ROW: J. Waters, G. Kemp, E. McGaughey, A. Megley, S. Smith, M. Leonard,

I. Johnson, I. Hambly, P. Krishfield, M. McPhail.

SECOND ROW: D. Moore, J. Marshall, A. Bates, D. Hill, D. Hadfield, C. McGonigle,

A. Dana, B. Walsh, B. Gustavus, R. Stokinger, M. Kelleher, S. Lewis.

THIRD ROW: J. Boothby, J. Uva, A. Uva, D. Holmberg, D. Garland, R. Savoy, J. Olsen,

R. Budd, P. Downey.
FOURTH ROW: J. Snow, C. Ingles, A. Keith, M. Loud, J. Chase, P. Cassani, J. Hulbert, A. Marella, P. Boyer.

FIFTH ROW: J. Everitts, E. Spillane, J. Sodergren, R. Woodman, W. Bolles, C. Hambly, R. Tirrell, W. Sherman, D. Austin.

### Freshman Class

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TREASURER .					. JEAN BUCKLEY

The Freshman Class contributed many members to various school activities. Girls' Glee Club, boys' and girls' basketball, gym squad, school band, and Snoops and Scoops were represented by Freshmen.

Many members participated in school sports. Many of the members of the second team in girls' basketball were Freshmen, including Emily McGaughey and Pauline Cassani, co-captains: Ruth Stokinger, Barbara Walsh, Marilyn Loud, Phyllis Krishfield, Joanne Marshall, and Maureen McPhail. Boys' basketball— John West, John Olson, and Paul Downey. Gym squad-Warren Sherman, Donald Austin, Charles Hambly, Robert Tirrell, and William Bolles. Cheerleader-Joan Chase.

Those taking interest in the School Band are: David Hadfield, John Hulbert, Charles Sears, and William Bolles.

Although our class had a very late start, we held a very successful St. Patrick's Day Dance on March 17.

There were 59 members in the class, 34 in the College and 26 in the Commercial, at the beginning of the year, but we lost two members during the year -Lincoln Jennings and Linda Olson.

Our Freshmen year has nearly ended, and we are now looking forward to our Sophomore year which we hope will be as enjoyable as our first one.



FIRST ROW: R. Chalmers, M. Franke, E. McGaughey, P. Roberts, G. Harvey, J. Stevenson, B. Wallster, S. Day, G. Johnston,
SECOND ROW: A. Dana, J. Buckley, A. Marella, P. Cassani, I. Johnson, B. Walsh,
A. Megley, M. Loud, M. Kennedy, Miss Grace McCarthy, Advisor.

THIRD ROW: C. Reynolds, N. Fulton, B. Ernstrom, M. Kelleher, B. Gustavus, P. Krishfield, F. Skilling, L. Sheurs, B. Colburn.

### Snoops and Scoops

There were only two issues of Snoops and Scoops published this year, the first at Christmas and the second at Easter. In the Christmas issue the Seniors showed that they had done many things by reports on the Senior Drama, magazine drive, a record hop, the Senior girls' new club, The Flame Society, a most delicious supper, and great plans for the class trip. Christmas stories predominated in this issue. The Juniors reported on their plans for the Junior Prom and class rings. Both Sophomores and Freshmen have great plans but up to Christmas few had been completed.

The Easter issue was an especially good one containing a great deal of news, poetry, and stories. Our business manager reported on the D. A. R. Convention. Fashions were drawn by Lillian Sheurs. The most successful basketball games, tournament, and testimonial banquet were described by Paul Roberts, editor. Cross word puzzles, Sally Snoop, assemblies, and jokes were again included.



FIRST ROW: B. Ryder, R. O'Connor, B. Walsh, R. Stokinger, M. Kennedy, J. Stevenson,

L. Hobart, N. Colby, S. Callahan, M. Mercer.

SECOND ROW: P. DeWolfe, N. Boothby, J. Marshall, J. Budd, J. Colby, B. Dana, S. Smith, P. Cassani, A. Dana, Miss Margaret Murphy, Supervisor.

THIRD ROW: C. Inglese, B. Mitchell, G. Johnston, L. Sturgeon, F. Skilling, R. Smith, M. Leonard, E. Wagner, E. Soule, J. Dowrey, B. Wallster.

FOURTH ROW: E. McGaughey, A. Morella. P. Putt, N. Chapman, P. Boyer, B. Colburn, A. Megley, I. Johnson, M. Mackie, P. Krishfield, M. Kelleher.

### Glee Club

The Girls' Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Margaret T. Murphy, has met weekly for the entire school year. At the annual spring concert on April 14, the girls sang "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Oscar Hammerstein and Richard Rogers, and "Giannina

Mia" from the Firefly by Rudolf Friml. Jean Stevenson was the accompanist. Iris Johnson and Elberta Soule also have accompanied the Glee Club at various times this year. The chorus plans to participate in the graduation program in June.





F. Skilling, J. Chase, B. Ryder, M. Mackie, C. George, E. Buckley.

### Cheer Leaders

The Cheer Leaders got off on rather a slow start this year due to the late arrival of the new uniforms. Only two girls returned from last year's squad, Elizabeth Buckley and Frances Skilling, but four new candidates joined them: Cynthia George, Barbara Ryder, Joan Chase, and Marie Mackie. They practiced in the gym after school under the supervision of Miss

Dorothy Mackin. The cheer leaders had plenty to cheer about this year since our basketball team won two championships.

At the testimonial banquet given the members of the boys' basketball team, each cheer leader was presented with a sterling silver miniature megaphone on a chain. These were inscribed "S.H.S. '50."



FIRST ROW: N. Fulton, P. Cassani, B. Ernstrom, Elinor McGaughey, Emily McGaughey, E. Wagner.
SECOND ROW: Miss Dorothy Mackin, Coach; J. McPhail, M. Loud, J. Austin, B. Walsh, B. Colburn, R. Stokinger, P. Krishfield.

THIRD ROW: C. Colarusso, N. Ernstrom, Manager; J. Buckley, J. Marshall.

### Girls' Basketball

The girls' basketball team was organized under the leadership of Miss Dorothy Mackin. The team had a schedule of twelve games, but only eleven were played due to an Abington cancellation. Eight veterans reported and several newcomers joined the squad.

Members of the first team were Jeanne Austin, Barbara Ernstrom, Charlotte Colarusso, Elizabeth Wag-

ner, Nancy Fulton, Elinor McGaughey, and Joanne McPhail.

The second team members were Pauline Cassani, Emily McGaughey, Joanne Marshall, Joan Marble, Marilyn Loud, Ruth Stokinger, Beverly Colburn, Barbara Walsh, Phyllis Krishfield, Maureen McPhail, Manager Norma Ernstrom.

#### SEASON'S RECORD

Sumner	58	Avon	47	Sumner	32	W. Bridgewater	142
						Avon	
Sumner	18	Braintree	70	Sumner	26	Braintree	24
						Whitman	
Sumner	32	Whitman	75	Sumner	16	Rockland	22
Sumner	36	Rockland	<b>4</b> 5				



FRONT ROW: P. Savoy. D. MacKusick, J. White. Captain; R. Andrea. BACK ROW: Mr. Wade Hooker. Coach; P. Stokinger, R. McCormick. A. Loud, R. Balch, J. Cassani, W. Jennings.

### Boys' Basketball

Sumner's basketball team got off to a wonderful start and kept up its pace until the end of the season, winning the Class B Championship and the Mayflower League Championship. This was the best season ever recalled in the school's basketball history.

The team worked hard at the beginning of the season, sweating and practicing for the big games ahead. Teamwork and sharpshooting carried them successfully through the season. Competition was keen, but the team met their opponents with speed and cleverness. Tied with Bridgewater for the championship of the Mayflower League, a play-off game was necessary, and in this game Sumner proved to

have a team of distinction.

This year Sumner was not to be denied and took each opponent in turn in the South Shore Tournament, meeting last year's victor, East Bridgewater, in the final game. This game was one of revenge, and Sumner showed its class and skill.

In recognition of their work, the team was given a banquet by the townspeople and the players were presented with jackets.

This Sumner team will always be remembered even though it was not given the chance to show its class in the Boston Tech Tourney.

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